

In the Claims:

A complete listing of all claims pending, amended and cancelled is included as follows:

1. (presently amended)      A compact packaged towel, comprising:  
at least one towel; and  
a first sheet and a second sheet, of a substantially gas impermeable material,  
whereby the edges along the entire perimeter of the first sheet are sealed to the corresponding  
edges along the entire perimeter of the second sheet to define a compartment between the two  
sheets in which the at least one towel is positioned and where substantially all of the air is  
removed from the compartment and at least one perforation positioned along at least one edge of  
the sealed sheets to provide for access to the at least one towel, whereby the compartment can  
remain sealed and the towel undisturbed until use.

2. (original)      The compact packaged towel of claim 1 wherein the at least one towel is  
folded.

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (original)      The compact packaged towel of claim 1 wherein the at least one towel is  
moistened with a liquid.

8. (presently amended)      A compact packaged towel, comprising:  
at least one towel; and  
a sheet, of a substantially gas impermeable material, having a first half and a  
second half whereby the sheet is folded and the edges along the entire perimeter of the sheet first  
half are sealed to the corresponding edges along the entire perimeter of the sheet second half to  
define a compartment between the sheet first half and the sheet second half in which the at least

one towel is positioned and where substantially all of the air is removed from the compartment and one notch is positioned along at least one edge of the sealed sheets to provide for access to the at least one towel, whereby the compartment can remain sealed and the towel undisturbed until use.

9. (original) The compact packaged towel of claim 8 wherein the at least one towel is folded.

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (original) The compact packaged towel of claim 8 wherein the at least one towel is moistened with a liquid.

15. (presently amended) A compact packaged towel, comprising:  
at least one towel; and

a first sheet and a second sheet, of a substantially gas impermeable material, whereby a compartment between the two sheets is formed by vacuum sealing the edges along the entire perimeter of the first sheet to the corresponding edges along the entire perimeter of the second sheet and where the at least one towel is positioned in the compartment and a pull string positioned along at least a portion of the compartment to provide for access to the towel, whereby the compartment can remain sealed and the towel undisturbed until use.

16. (original) The compact packaged towel of claim 15 wherein the at least one towel is folded.

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (new)      A method of providing a clean towel in a package, including the steps of:  
providing at least one clean towel, the at least one clean towel being folded to a compact  
size;

providing a first sheet of protective material and a second sheet of protective material, the  
first and second sheets being comprised of substantially a gas impermeable material and each  
having edges about their respective perimeters;

sealing the first sheet of protective material to the second sheet of protective material at  
their respective edges with the towel sealed therein while removing air therefrom, to form a  
compact package; and

maintaining the package unopened until the package is provided to a user for opening and  
use.

22. (new)      The method of providing a clean towel in a package, including the step of  
sealing the package in a vacuum such that substantially all air is removed from the package.

23 (new)      The method of providing a clean towel in a package, including the steps of  
providing a notch on the package to assist in the opening of the sealed package.